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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ET, PGOV
SUBJ: NEW CHAIRMAN OF ZEMECHA

REF: A. MEMCON OF 1/18/77, B. ADDIS ABABA 0603

1. MAJ DEBELE DINSA, WHO LED ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (EPMG) DEL TO SIX WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES FEB 2 AND CITED IN ETHIOPIAN HERALD AS PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) MEMBER, REPORTED IN FEB 23 ETHIOPIAN HERALD TO BE NEW CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL WORK CAMPAIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COOPERATION (ZEMECHA). MAJ DEBELE VISITED VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ZEMECHA HQS FEB 22 AN PLEDGED HE WOULD SPARE NO EFFORT TO MAKE ZEMECHA LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS OF NATION.

2. IN JAN 18 CONVERSATION WITH FORMER ACTING ZEMECHA CHAIRMAN COL BDILU DUKI, HE HAD EXPECTED NEW ZEMECHA CHAIRMAN TO BE NAMED IMMINENTLY. AT TIME A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED LT. FIKRE SELASSIE WAS TO BECOME NEW ZEMECHA CHAIRMAN. HOWEVER, SINCE FEB 3 EVENTS, IT APPEARS LT FIKRE HAS ASSUMED POSITION OF PMAC SECRETARY-GENERAL, ACCORDING TO SEVERAL RELIABLE SOURCES.

3. BIO DATA: MAJ DEBELE DINSA BORN JULY 1941, GIMBIE, WOLLEGA. HE FORMERLY MEMBER IMPERIAL ETHIOPIAN POLICE AND
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ATTENDED ABABA DINA POLICE COLLEGE. HE SERVED IN HARRAR PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCE AND WENT TO U.S. JAN 1967 FOR 17 WEEKS PUBLIC SAFETY STUDY. HE APPEARS TO BE OF GALLA ORIGIN, FACTOR WHICH MAY BECOME MORE SIGNIFICANT WITHIN PMAC SINCE FAILURE OF FEB 3 "COUP ATTEMPT."
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